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### **NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY** - July 5, 2005

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced today the conviction in United States District Court in San Diego of Richard Edward Krug, II, on charges arising out of bomb threats telephoned to Ports of Entry along the Mexican border. A federal jury found Krug guilty of one count of making telephonic bomb threats to the Calexico Port of Entry, and one count of threatening a federal officer at the Calexico Port of Entry. The jury was unable to reach a verdict on a charge of making telephonic bomb threats to the Otay Mesa Port of Entry.

The convictions stem from a series of telephone calls Krug made on January 27, 2004, to both the Calexico and Otay Mesa Ports of Entry, in which he threatened to “blow up” and “bomb” the Ports of Entry and several buildings, and caused Customs and Border Protection (“CBP”) employees to take substantial precautionary measures to protect the people and property located at these Ports of Entry. As a result of the bomb threat to the Otay Mesa Port of Entry, both the Otay Mesa Cargo Facility and Otay Mesa Export Facility

were closed for approximately two (2) hours. Krug also threatened to assault a Customs and Border Protection employee at the Calexico Port of Entry by blowing up her office.

Announcing today's guilty verdicts, United States Attorney Lam said, "We have zero tolerance for threats to harm the public and our federal employees at the border or anywhere else in this District."

San Diego Federal Bureau of Investigation Special Agent in Charge Daniel R. Dzwilewski commented, "We take all bomb threats as legitimate and investigate until we know otherwise. These false threats are manpower intensive and by being aggressive in prosecuting them we hope to dissuade individuals from making false statements so our agents can put their time and efforts toward thwarting real threats to our community."

The trial took place before United States District Court Judge Napoleon A. Jones, Jr. The Court set sentencing for September 26, 2005.

## **DEFENDANT**

Richard Edward Krug II

## **SUMMARY OF CHARGES**

Count 1: 18 U.S.C. § 844(e), Making Threats By Telephone.  
Maximum Penalty: 10 years' imprisonment and/or a \$250,000 fine.  
No Verdict.

Count 2: 18 U.S.C. § 844(e), Making Threats By Telephone.  
Maximum Penalty: 10 years' imprisonment and/or a \$250,000 fine.  
Verdict: Guilty.

Count 3: 18 U.S.C. § 115(a)(1)(B), Threatening Federal Officers.  
Maximum Penalty: 6 years' imprisonment and/or a \$250,000 fine.  
Verdict: Guilty.

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